

BY ALD PEREZ

Resolution congratulating Liga Latina de Beisbol Beto Avila de Milwaukee on its 30th season of competitive baseball.

WHEREAS,

LIGA LATINA DE BEISBOL BETO AVILA DE MILWAUKEE

Held a ceremony on Opening Day for their 30th season on May 5, 2013 at Baran Park, where they celebrated their 30-year history by inducting their first Hall of Fame Members and honoring their league's founders as well as retiring Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Wisconsin President and CEO Maria Monreal Cameron; and

WHEREAS, *Liga Latina de Beisbol Beto Avila began in September of 1983, and is the sole Latino-founded adult baseball program in Milwaukee, and throughout their 30-year history, they have committed to a family environment that creates a home for baseball on Milwaukee's south side; and*

WHEREAS, *The league was founded by Francisco Espinoza, with the help of Guerrero Duran, Sr., and in 1984, the league opened with five teams, Mis Fronteras, Los Arcos (Broncos), Tepas Bar, Jaramillo Trucking and Casa Blanca, and at the end of its first season, it held its first All-Star Game against the Benito Juarez League from Chicago, Illinois; and*

WHEREAS, *With notable leadership from former league members like President Eugene Manzanet, Vice President and Coach Guerrero Duran and his son Guerrero Duran Jr. as the Treasurer of the board, the league has maintained its competitive and entertaining edge with eight teams battling every year for "La Copa De Don Poncho", named after its founder Francisco Espinoza; and*

WHEREAS, *Opening Day ceremonies, all-star and championship games have played big roles in generating excitement and enthusiasm for the league, and like all great organizations, it has seen highs and lows, but the community has never given up on the dream to keep a vibrant Hispanic baseball league in Milwaukee, and nothing demonstrates this more than the large crowds of fans that gather each Sunday; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith congratulates Liga Latina de Beisbol Beto Avila on reaching the milestone 30th season of friendly, competitive and exciting baseball, thanks the league on behalf of the community for its many contributions to baseball and wishes the league continued success; and, be it*

FURTHER RESOLVED, *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Liga Latina de Beisbol Beto Avila.*

Introduced by Alderman Jose G. Perez and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on April 30, 2013.